

Senate Resolution 349

By: Senators Meyer von Bremen of the 12th and Hooks of the 14th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring and remembering the life of Georgia Supreme Court Justice Jesse Groover Bowles,
2 Jr.; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the State of Georgia lost one of its most distinguished citizens with the passing
4 of Jesse Groover Bowles, Jr., on January 28, 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, he was born in Baconton, Georgia, on August 24, 1921, to Jesse Groover, Sr.,
6 and Bart Swann Bowles; and

7 WHEREAS, a highly motivated and intelligent young man, he graduated from Camilla High
8 School in 1938 and attended the University of Georgia, where he played football for Coach
9 Wally Butts and completed both his Bachelor of Arts and his L.L.B., graduating cum laude
10 in 1946; and

11 WHEREAS, he served the citizens of Georgia with diligence, grace, and wisdom on the state
12 Supreme Court from 1977 to 1981, attaining the honorable position of Justice of the Supreme
13 Court; and

14 WHEREAS, in 1981, he returned to Cuthbert, Georgia, to join his son, Jesse Bowles III, at
15 the Bowles and Bowles law firm he had helped establish in the early 1950's; and

16 WHEREAS, he unhesitatingly aided his community in every way he could, serving as
17 chairman of the Randolph County Savings and Loan Association; a member of the Randolph
18 County Hospital Board; a founding member of the Randolph Arts Council; a trustee emeritus
19 of Andrew College; without hesitation, a mentor to attorneys throughout southwest Georgia
20 and the state; and an active member of Cuthbert First Baptist Church; and

21 WHEREAS, he was admitted to the Mitchell County Sports Hall of Fame in 2004; and

1 WHEREAS, Justice Bowles leaves to cherish his memory a son, Jesse Bowles III; a
2 daughter, Elizabeth Chastain; a sister, Sarah Frances Wicker; six grandchildren; three
3 great-grandchildren; three nieces; and a host of relatives, friends, and former colleagues; and

4 WHEREAS, in life he commanded the esteem of his fellow Georgians; at his death we
5 mingle our sympathies with the grief of his family and friends.

6 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
7 join together to express their deepest regret at the passing of Justice Jesse Groover Bowles,
8 Jr., and extend their most sincere condolences to his family.

9 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
10 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Jesse Bowles III.